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HOW THE CHURCH SCHOOLS IN SOUTH DAKOTA HELP INDIAN BOYS AND GIRLS

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Note

I TRY, by an annual letter regarding these schools, to keep our benefactors informed of their progress, and to insure that our friends shall know that I personally am sensible of their interest, and desire not to be forgotten.

It is not an unnatural wish of many of those who support scholarships that particular children shall be named and assigned to them as their special protegés; but to comply is hardly practicable. The children are apt to be already named when admitted to the schools; we need, in many cases, the liberty to keep a child for a few months only, and then supply his place by another; and while we are sure that the boarding schools will, as a whole, be a rich blessing, and can therefore guarantee that money given in their behalf will be productive, we cannot insure that any particular child, a small fraction of the whole, will turn out in a way to give satisfaction to those who have chosen him as the object of their hopes and charity. Further, the special attentions which benefactors are apt to bestow upon their particular protegés tend often to spoil the favored children, and to produce discontent in others. I trust, therefore, that our benefactors will ask to name only the scholarship which they support, and not the child who occupies it, and look for their satisfaction, not to good results in the case of a particular child, which must be an uncertainty, but to the good effect of the schools as a whole, which is a blessed certainty.

A Letter from Bishop Hare

To the Friends who Help to Support

The Indian Boarding Schools

of South Dakota

My Dear and Constant Friends:

I WRITE "constant" because so many of the scholarships have been maintained for so many years—some of them for even thirty-six years. You are not weary in well-doing. God bless you.

Taking up again my great privilege of addressing you a yearly letter, let me say the object of our Indian boarding schools is, first, to make the pupils good, honest, Christian men and women, and, next, to make them what I might call *handy*. And by *handy* I mean men and women who can do all the things which need to be done in ordinary, decent Christian living among plain people. The pictures in this article bring out, I think, this fact. They show that the boys and girls know how to do things.

These boarding schools are widely separated from each other; St. Mary's being in the extreme southern part of South Dakota, and St. Elizabeth's in the extreme north.

St. Mary's School, which is the larger building, had an

ELLEN SHOOTS NEAR, JULIA BROWN WOLF, AMY IRON NECKLACE, AND ANNIE RED HORSE AT WORK IN THE SEWING ROOM

average attendance last year of 66. St. Elizabeth's had an average attendance of 65.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis remain in charge of St. Mary's School. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ricker remain in charge of St. Elizabeth's School. I suppose no work is more of a strain than boarding school work. In the Indian country, where few conveniences are at hand, the strain is peculiarly great. The work has been carried on with most commendable good temper and good order and many rills of pure water of life—to use Bible imagery—issue forth, I am sure, from the thresholds of these schools.

Our kind friends supplied the schools in good season with Christmas boxes and there were no happier Christmases anywhere than in St. Mary's and St. Elizabeth's schools. The children were allowed, after the festivities, to go to their homes for the holidays and, though many of these homes were from twenty to thirty miles distant, the children were all back again about on time when the holidays were over, cheerful and ready for duty. Well done, I say.

Two letters which have come to me during the past week illustrate indirectly the happy results of this Indian boarding school work. They come to me not from Indians but from two young white women, who, long years ago, were pupils in All Saints' School, Sioux Falls—a school quite different in its character from the Indian boarding schools. It is not located in the wild but in the largest town of the State—it is a pay school of high grade meant to offer the best education to the daughters of the white people. It sometimes happens, however, that it seems well that certain Indian girls shall spend a few of the finishing years of their education in All Saints' School and thus be the better prepared to be influential among their own people. There are five or six of them there now. The young lady who writes the first letter is what is called a United States field matron in the Indian country, her duty being to visit the houses of the Indians and be their friend and helper in all that tends to make a clean, wholesome and happy Christian home. The writer of the second letter is her older sister, who is married to a white man living and doing business in a settlement of Indians located in a pretty valley in the Indian country which they have come to call the Happy Valley.

EARNING MONEY FOR MISSIONS AT THE WOOD PILE—

I remember the valley well, for it was the scene of one of our first successful efforts in breaking up wild, lazy, huddling Indian life. Thirty years ago the Indians of South Dakota lived in large camps containing 1,500 to 2,000 people each. They occupied their time chiefly in making forays against other Indians and against the white people. They would then come back to these huge camps and spend their leisure in displaying scalp locks taken from their enemies and telling, amid wild dances, of their deeds of prowess. We thought it a great achievement, when one chief was at last persuaded to break away from one of these large mischief-brewing camps and lead his little band off to this chosen valley, now called the Happy Valley, and there begin putting up log houses and planting corn, pumpkins and potatoes. We promised him a little church building as a center. It is the chapel

referred to in the letter which follows. He bravely broke away one spring and I remember well the pride with which, on my next visit in the fall, he showed me his root cellar well stocked with pumpkins, potatoes, cabbages, turnips and corn, the results of his summer work.

Now let me give you the two letters which I have referred to:

Dear Bishop:

I am living with my married sister now, and doing the field matron's work. Our Indian Women's Society is doing so well. We have already raised over $60, besides collecting $12 to send to Mrs. Holmes for the convocation tent and $25 for repairing our church building.

I never realized before how very religious these people are.

—AND IN THE GARDEN

We never have a "feast" or any kind of gathering but what they sing two or three hymns and say the Creed and some prayers. And, if it is possible, every one comes to church every Sunday.

The beautiful church service has filled a great need in their lives, and it is you, dear Bishop who have given them this great joy by putting into their hands the carefully prepared translation of the Bible, Prayer Book and Hymnal, and by giving them so many faithful ministers and well-trained native helpers. They are very grateful to you and often speak of you and of all you have done for them and how you love them.

Some of us were mending the altar hangings the other day, and I noticed they were all made by hand—some loving unknown friends made them for us long ago. Oh! if they only could know that the beauty of their work has become a joy forever; for it has had its influence upon the minds and hearts of these people. God has helped us through you, our dear Bishop, and now we are trying to help ourselves. Last spring the people raised over $100 with which they bought a beautiful new organ, a new altar carpet and materials for repairing the building inside and out. They done most of the work themselves. The Women's Society have given a beautiful brass Niobrara Cross in memory of their members who have died, and the young girls' society are intending to give a set of green altar hangings.

They are all very fond of the catechist, but they are always very glad when their native clergyman can come. He is a great help to the white priest who has charge of the whole field. At one of their meetings lately they were talking about him and they said: "He is the best man on the reservation and has done us more good than we can realize."

I must close now and make some calls. I try to call on all the women every day and I am continually suprised and delighted at their improvement in the care of their houses and their children.

A BUSY CORNER IN THE LAUNDRY

Dear Bishop, I hope I have not bored you with my long letter, but *I want to repeat what I told you once before. It is results one looks for in a school, and our boarding school girls are always "a power in the camp" and are known by their nice manners, ability to speak good English and by neatness of dress and care of their homes.*

The following letter from a sister of the field matron throws light upon the work and spirit of the former:

My Dear Bishop:

Sister tells me that she has written you all of the missionary news. Yet, knowing her so well, I imagine she has not mentioned her own part therein. Perhaps you already know, however, of how my sweet sister has come out to what we already called "The Happy Valley" and made it many times happier

by her humor and continuous unselfishness—which have made the people name her "The laughing, loving one." She seems to give up with perfect content all the gayer life that she might be having in any of the cities in which she might be teaching. The poor, little dirty babies are her particular joy.

Thus, dear friends of the Indian work, I have given you some glimpses of the results of Church boarding schools, both among Indians and among whites. Could anything be more blessed? Could anything be better worth supporting? If it is, pray for it, work for it, give to it. The Board of Missions is responsible for its support. Send your gifts to George C. Thomas, Treasurer. Write for information to the Corresponding Secretary, 281 Fourth Avenue, New York.

Your faithful friend,

WILLIAM H. HARE,

Bishop of South Dakota.

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